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TRADE AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia have entered into an agreement for boosting bilateral trade in agriculture products besides tea and tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the items imported and exported between the two countries in 2000-2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : The Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation between India and Russian Federation which was signed on May 4, 1992 provides the basic framework for Indo-Russian trade and economic cooperation since the disintegration of former USSR. During the Eighth Session of Indo-Russian Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation held at New Delhi in February, 2002 a Protocol was signed. This Protocol reflects the discussions held on various issues of bilateral interest for promoting trade between the two countries including measures required to be taken for promoting export of tea, tobacco, wheat, etc. to Russia.

(c) : The main items of export to Russia during the year 2000-2001 are RMG Cotton including accessories, Tea, Drugs, Pharmaceuticals & Fine chemicals, coffee, RMG Wool, Cotton Yarn, Fabrics, made ups, tobacco etc.

The main items of import from Russia during the year 2000 - 2001 are Fertilizers, Iron & Steel, Non-ferrous metals, Newsprint, Synthetic and Reclaimed Rubber, Primary Steel etc.